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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed November 29, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the title:

Change the title to: SYNCHRONIZATION OF DATABASES USING HASH

NUMBERS FOR COMPARING RECORDS--.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 36 and 38 (without prejudice to their being presented in a continuation application).

Amend claims 35 and 37 as follows:

--35 (Amended) A computer implemented method of identifying a record of a first database, as part of a process of synchronizing the first database with a second database, comprising:  
reading a first record of the first database;

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